Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and related papers

SHRI B. K. GADHVI: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), together with Explanatory Memoranda thereon:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 1095(E), dated the 18th September, 1986, exempting beaters conforming to Indian Standard Specification IS: 273/1983 and falling under heading No. 82.08 of the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff, Act, 1985, from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 1163(E), dated the 23rd October, 1986, extending the benefit of full exemption of excise duty, available under Notification No. 179/85, also to goods falling under sub-heading 7101.39 of Central Excise Tariff.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3163/86 for (i) and (ii)].

Report and Audited Accounts (1985-86) of the National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training, Hyderabad and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training, Hyderabad, for the year 1985-86.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3169/86 for (i) and (ii)].

Notification of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Company Affairs)

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Company Affairs), Notification S.O. No. 669(E), dated the 12th September, 1986, substituting the words "Category A District" for the words "No Industry District" occurring in clause (a) of para 1 of Government Notification S.O. No. 65(E), dated the 21st February, 1986, under Sub-section (3) of section 22A of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3168/86].

Report and Accounts (for the period from 1st October, 1984 to 31st March, 1985) of the Bengal Immunity Limited, Calcutta and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) First Annual Report and Accounts of the Bengal Immunity Limited, Calcutta, for the period from 1st October, 1984 to 31st March, 1985, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3171/86 for (i) and (ii)].

Annual Plan, 1986-87

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): Sir, I beg to

lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the "Annual Plan. 1986-87". [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3146/86].

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION ON THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN THE COUNTRY IN THE CONTEXT OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PLANS AND RENEWED U.S. ARMS SUPPLY TO THAT COUNTRY— *Contd.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Natwar Singh will now reply to the Short Duration Discussion on the Security Environment. Shri Natwar Singh.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to respond to the discussion that was held last week on the security environment around the country following the announcement that the United States was cosidering the supply of AWACS to Pakistan and also following the appearance of a news item that Pakistan had made progress in its nuclear activities. I would like to confine myself to these two items.

It is very encouraging that on a matter of this import there is unanimity in the House and in Parllament and all the hon. Members, who participated in the debate, spoke in national terms not in partisan terms. I will also speak in the same spirit. I will answer the various points made by hon. Members, as I go along, but I would, Sir, with your permission, like to place before the House a broad conceptual picture of how the environment had reached the stage that it has and is causing us considerable concern. The Government is not given on any question to chronic anxiety, but we do watch developments as they are untold.

This question of giving arms to Pakistan goes back many many years, certainly to the mid-50s. Many hon. Members will have read the statements of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the mid-50s and early 60s. If Pakistan were acting on its own, then that would be a different matter, but we know that Pakistan fits into the security perceptions of the United States and is acting as a proxy. Now, if you look around, you will see that after the collapse of the Baghdad Pact after the events in Iran, it has been decided with the establishment of the Central Command by the U.S. in this area that in their security perceptions, with which we don't agree, Pakistan has a particular place and its actions, therefore, have to be examined, analysed and watched in that respect.

We have from the very beginning wanted good relations with Pakistan, good neighbourly relations with Pakistan and friendly relations with Pakistan. I myself have been Ambassador to Pakistan. So, I have some first-hand knowledge. But throughout these decades the explanation that has been forthcoming from the United States and from Pakistan have not allayed our fears. We have had serious conflicts with them. Regardless of this, we signed the Simla Agreement which says that we discuss all issues bilaterally. This has not happened. Now very recently Mr. Weinberger was here. Mr. Weinberger came here from the Peoples Republic of China where he spent considerably more time than he did with us. During his discussions with the Prime Minister, the question of AWACS was not mentioned by him. But when he went to Islamabad, for the first time, he became aware that the United States was contemplating the supply of these deadly AWACS to Pakistan. We brought this to the notice of the American Ambassador here and our Ambassador in Washington has met Mr. Weinberger. The explanation given is that the need of Pakistan to have AWACS is very great because